

Sri B. P. GANGADHAR—This is a very important matter. The Minister for Tourism rushed into the Mohammedan Mohalla, wherein he tried to rouse the communal feelings and religious sentiments of Mohammedans.

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I cannot answer this question because to-day's question mainly refers to the Bye-election to Parliament seat from Mandya Constituency. As such, the supplementary of the hon. Member is an irrelevant question. If he is particular, he may ask another question.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Sri Gangadhar's question does not arise, as I already said, this relates to the Bye-election to the Parliamentary seat from Mandya Constituency.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Is it or is it not a fact that during the one or two days he was there, the hon'ble Minister for Public Works performed some *guddali pooja* for the opening of some Channel work ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ನಿಜಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಅಂಥದು ಯಾವುದೂ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಅಷ್ಟು ದಡ್ಡರಲ್ಲ ನಾವು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶಂಕರಗೌಡರು ಅಲ್ಲಿ 10-15 ದಿವಸ ಇದ್ದರು ಅವರು ಏನು ರಜದಮೇಲಿದ್ದರೇ, ಸಂಬಳ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ನಿಜಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ರಜಾ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಹಾಗೆ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಅದು ಅವರ ಸ್ಥಾನ. 15 ದಿನವಲ್ಲ, ಇನ್ನೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ದಿನವಿದ್ದರೂ ಏನೂ ತಪ್ಪಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಯವರು ಕೆಲವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಭಾಷಣದಲ್ಲಿ, ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ಸಿಗೆ ಪೋಟು ಕೊಡದೆ ಹೋದರೆ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಕೆಲಸ ಏನೂ ಆಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದು ಉಂಟೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ನಿಜಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡರು ಬಹಳ ಮೇಲಾಗಿ ಹೋಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

Bridge across Veda River

318. **Sri M. MALLAPPA (Birur)**.—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(a) whether Government aware that the villagers of Doddapatnagere, Alagatta, Jiganehalli and Ballikere in Kadur Taluk are urging for the construction of a Bridge across Veda River near Doddapatnagere village for the last ten years ;

(b) whether Government are aware that carts, cattle and men cannot cross the Veda River during the rainy season and agricultural operations will suffer heavily, unless the long pending question is immediately solved ;

(c) whether an estimate has been prepared for the construction of the said bridge ;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to take up the construction work during the year 1968-69 ?

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) No.

(b) Interruption to traffic is only for the four or five days during rainy season.

(c) Yes.

(d) Will be examined subject to availability of funds.

Sri M. MALLAPPA.—Supplementary to (a) and (c): May I know when the estimate was prepared and for how much?

† Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—The first representation was made in December 1962 and after receiving it, the estimate was prepared. I do not know the exact date when it was prepared. It is under the scrutiny of the Executive Engineer, Chickmagalur Division. The estimate is for about Rs. 1½ lakhs.

Sri M. MALLAPPA.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that if this work is completed, it will shorten the distance between Kadur and Javagal by about 10 miles and it will benefit a number of villages with a population of one lakh?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—It may shorten the distance by about 7 or 8 miles; it is because it will benefit the villagers that the engineers have prepared the estimates and they are under scrutiny.

Sri M. MALLAPPA.—The first representation was sent in 1962 and to-day we are in the year 1968. Still, the work has not been taken up. Will the Government assure that it will expedite the work in the interest of the ryots of Kadur Taluk?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Let the estimates come and then we shall certainly consider because it is on the intervillage communication road. Subject to availability of funds, we shall certainly consider it.

Confirmation of Class IV Servants in P.W.D.

319. Sri G. MADE GOWDA (Kirugavalu).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state —

(a) how many Class Four Servants in P.W.D. in Mandya District are working since the starting of the Department (Drivers and Savadies and Attenders, etc.);

(b) what are the reasons for not having confirmed them in their posts so far?

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) There are 63 Class IV Government servants in the Regular Establishment. Drivers and Savadies are borne on Work Charged Establishment and not on Regular Establishment.